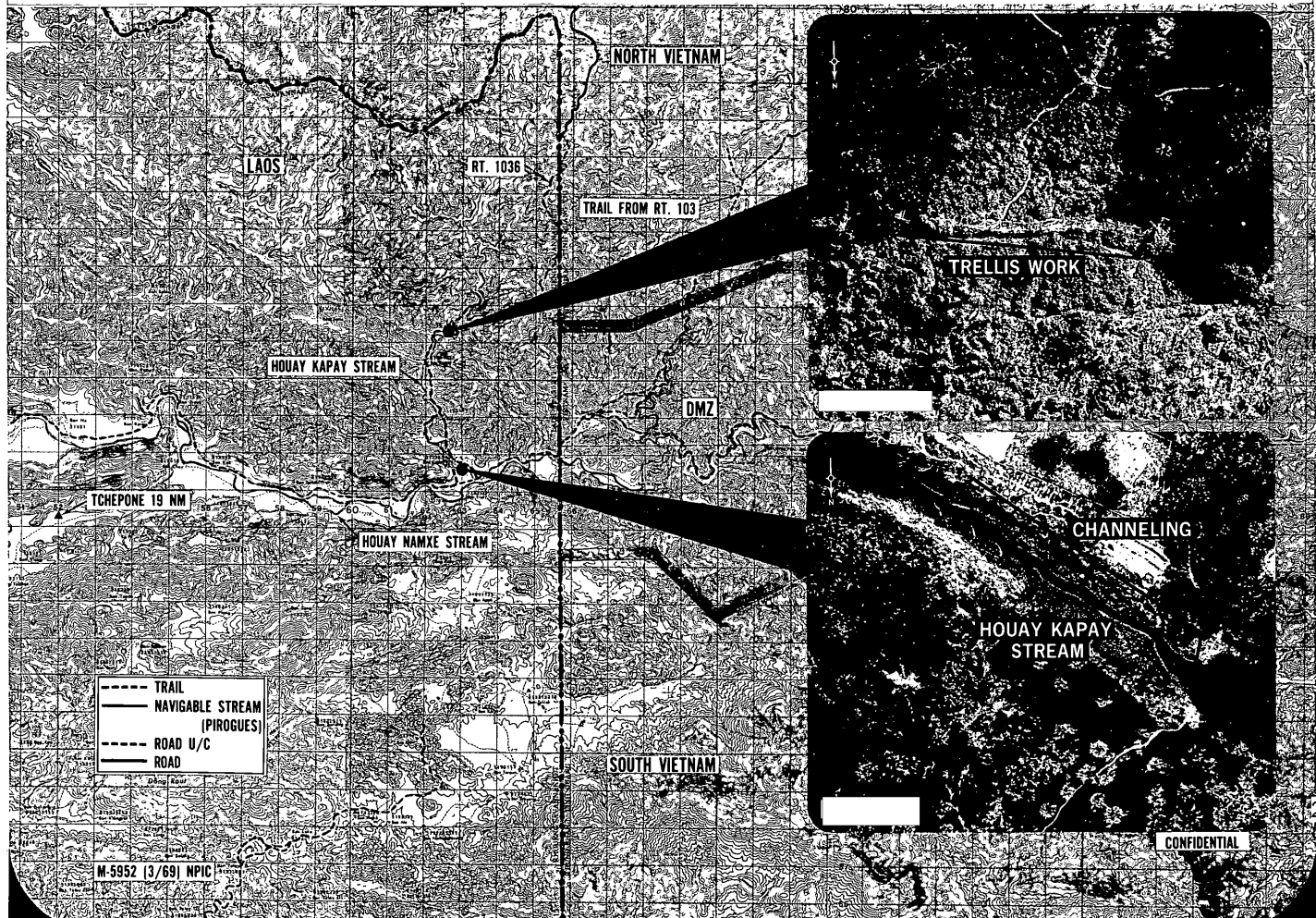


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# IMPROVED LOGISTICS NETWORK DMZ AREA, NORTH VIETNAM - LAOS 16-55N 106-31E



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#### 1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LAOTIAN LOGISTICS NETWORK INCLUDING ROAD CONSTRUCTION (RT. 1036), CHANNELING STREAMS AND THE TRELLISING OF A TRAIL IN THE DMZ AREA FOR THE INFILTRATION OF SUPPLIES TO THE SOUTH.

#### 2. LOCATION:


EXTREME WESTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ AND AN ADJOINING AREA IN LAOS.

#### 3. MISSION READOUT:


PHOTOGRAPHY OF  REVEALS CHANNELING IN THE HOUAY KAPAY STREAM PROVIDING A NAVIGABLE WATERWAY SOUTH TO HOUAY NAMXE STREAM WHICH RUNS EAST AND WEST THROUGH THE DMZ. AT LEAST 5.6 NM OF CHANNELING IN THE HOUAY NAMXE STREAM WAS OBSERVED ON  EXTENDING WESTWARD FROM THE LAOS/VIETNAM BORDER.

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THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF  ALSO REVEALS TRELLIS WORK OVER A TRAIL WHICH FOLLOWS THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF THE HOUAY KAPAY STREAM IN LAOS JUST WEST OF THE DMZ. THE TRELLIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL ACTIVITY WHICH MAY BE SUBJECTED TO AIR STRIKES.

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PHOTOGRAPHY OF  REVEALS CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 125X1

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EXTENDING SSW FOR APPROXIMATELY 3.5 NM. THE TERMINUS OF THIS CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS IN LAOS, IS 0.9 NM WEST OF THE DMZ AND APPROXIMATELY 6.0 NM NORTH OF THE TERMINUS OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

#### 4. REMARKS:

THIS NETWORK IS ONE OF FOUR ENTRY POINTS INTO LAOS FROM NORTH VIETNAM AND IS THE SHORTEST SUCH ROUTE LEADING TO THE SOUTH.

THE CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS WILL ALLOW POL DRUMS TO BE FREE-FLOATED DOWN-STREAM, AND WILL ALLOW FOR THE PASSAGE OF LARGE PIROGUES CAPABLE OF CARRYING UP TO ONE TON OF MATERIEL. THESE STREAMS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERED NAVAGABLE ONLY DURING HIGH WATER IN JULY THROUGH OCTOBER.

THE EXTENSION OF ROUTE 1036 APPEARS TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD A CONNECTION WITH A BRANCH FROM LAOS ROUTE 925, WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN RECENTLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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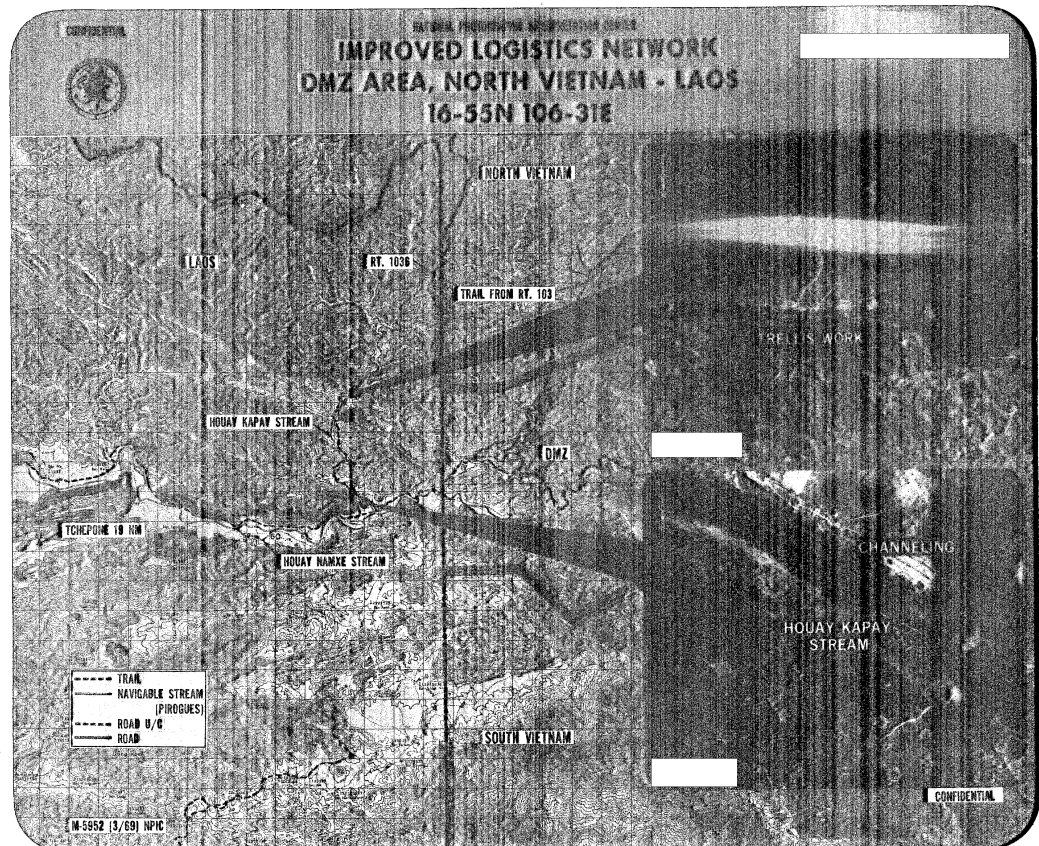
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